



# Crescenta Valley Town Council

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California State Assembly  
Committee on Elections and Redistricting  
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Dear Sirs,

The Crescenta Valley Town Council is a body of individuals elected by the constituents who live within the unincorporated parts of La Crescenta and Montrose. The purpose of the Council is to provide a forum, through a town meeting, to identify and discuss the issues of concern to the residents and businesses within our area and to represent those residents and businesses. The Council also works together with government bodies and agencies, as well as local agencies and organizations, to meet the needs of the community.

Our Valley consists of the neighboring communities of La Canada, La Crescenta, Tujunga, Sunland, Montrose and Glendale, united by the common Foothill Boulevard which runs East/West through its heart. These communities share similar demographics, and because of their proximity to one another, work closely together on issues that impact all of its residents.

Our community is currently divided into four separate Assembly districts; 38, 43, 44 and 59. The town of La Crescenta alone is divided between two separate districts, 59 and 38. It is our belief that it would be to the benefit of this community to be represented by one Assemblymember. We respectfully ask that as the committee debates and establishes the new district lines that they take into account our valley and consider unifying it under a single representative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Pierce  
President

cc:

- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Senator Huff
- Assemblymember Adams (Vice Chair)
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- Assemblymember Coto
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- Assemblymember Saldaña
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- Assemblymember Smyth
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My name is Robert ( Roberto ) Chavez a resident of the city of Santa Ana, a father, grandfather, and educator. My request is simple and to the point that this body leave the district of Central Anahiem, Eastern Garden Grove and Santa Ana unified as a voting district. Your proposed maps do not reflect the population growth of our communities. During the last decade our latino/ hispanic communities have grown by 90% and any attempt to split or gerrymander would be a clear violation of the voting act of 1965. Our communities are composed of working poor, middle class, and wealthy who have made major contributions to our communities. Again the commissions maps do not provide sufficient opportunities for fair Latino/ Hispanic representation as required by the Voting Right act of 1965. Leaving our present district maps intact will send a clear message to our communities that you respect and clearly understand our desire to be active participants in our democratic process. The Commission should want to strengthen Latino/ Hispanic district of Central Anahiem, Eastern Garden Grove and Santa Ana and no attempt should be made to disfranchise our district.

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Members of the California Redistricting Commission,

As a resident of Little Saigon, I am here to ask you to keep Little Saigon together. In Orange County, the Vietnamese population is substantial in the geographic region of Little Saigon which consists of Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley, and the southwest portion of Santa Ana. This region is the largest Vietnamese community in the western hemisphere, and we have created an influential and unique mix of Vietnamese and American ideals. We have created a business community which, as a tight community would, has well-recognized links among the countless family and private businesses. We share a common history, language, culture, and desire to participate in America's treasured representative democracy.

Despite the cherished culture and origin that keep us together, we are currently divided in representation in Sacramento and Washington. This is a blatant violation of the Voting Rights Act, which not only forbids the use of any voting practice, standard, or procedure of disenfranchisement towards a specific race or color but also prohibits the creation of malapportioned districts. Our cultural vote is exceptionally dilute—an injustice in the face of the unprecedented size and uniqueness of our western-Vietnamese community. This is not about some political game—and surely not an effort, as so offensively stated by Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez in her campaign against a Vietnamese candidate for Congress last year, for the Vietnamese to “steal my [Sanchez’s] seat”. This blunt racial attack simply affirms the skewed bias in the district.

Currently, there are no federal or state-level officials to represent our views, even though a section of the Voting Rights Act clearly denotes ‘the extent to which members of the minority group have been elected to public office’ as a probative factor in deciding the validity of discrimination towards our minority group. The lack of officials to represent us as a cultural group and as a traditional community is a blinding discrimination. Considering that the Latino population, a competing minority group in the Orange County area, has sent 8 State Senators and 15 State Assembly representatives, we feel largely cheated out of the political representation promised to all American citizens. We need people we can trust and confide in, and in order to elect those we feel will represent us, we must have a strong cultural vote. Little Saigon is currently divided along several legislative lines, significantly crippling our ability to elect specific representatives as a unified body.

*The President of the Vietnamese American Federation of Southern California*  
I am ~~a member of the Vietnamese community~~ and can personally attest to the fact that Little Saigon, which spans the Westminster, Garden Grove, SW Santa Ana and North Fountain Valley area, is the largest Vietnamese community in the world outside of Vietnam. It is important that you recognize us as a “community of interest” and we should be respected by keeping us in one unified district. Thank you.

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Fullerton Hearing  
Saturday, June 18, 2011

Members of the Commission:

Overall, the Commission has done a good job keeping coastal, inland interests, Latino and Asian communities together.

To the Commission's credit, Chino Hills, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights and much of north Orange County have been linked in both Assembly and Senate seats.

The Assembly seat named Anaheim-Fullerton contains similar working class communities.

With respect to the Diamond Bar/Yorba Linda, the Commission has done a good job keeping similar communities together. They share similar incomes, similar transportation problems, similar housing, and shop in the same places. Open space and freeway traffic concerns along the 57 and 60 freeways can be effectively handled as well.

Having identified the good work of the Commission, I am here to express concerns regarding what I consider to be a significant error in the placement of the City of La Habra.

La Habra is first and foremost an Orange County city and we should be in a district with some of our Orange County neighbors for the following reasons.

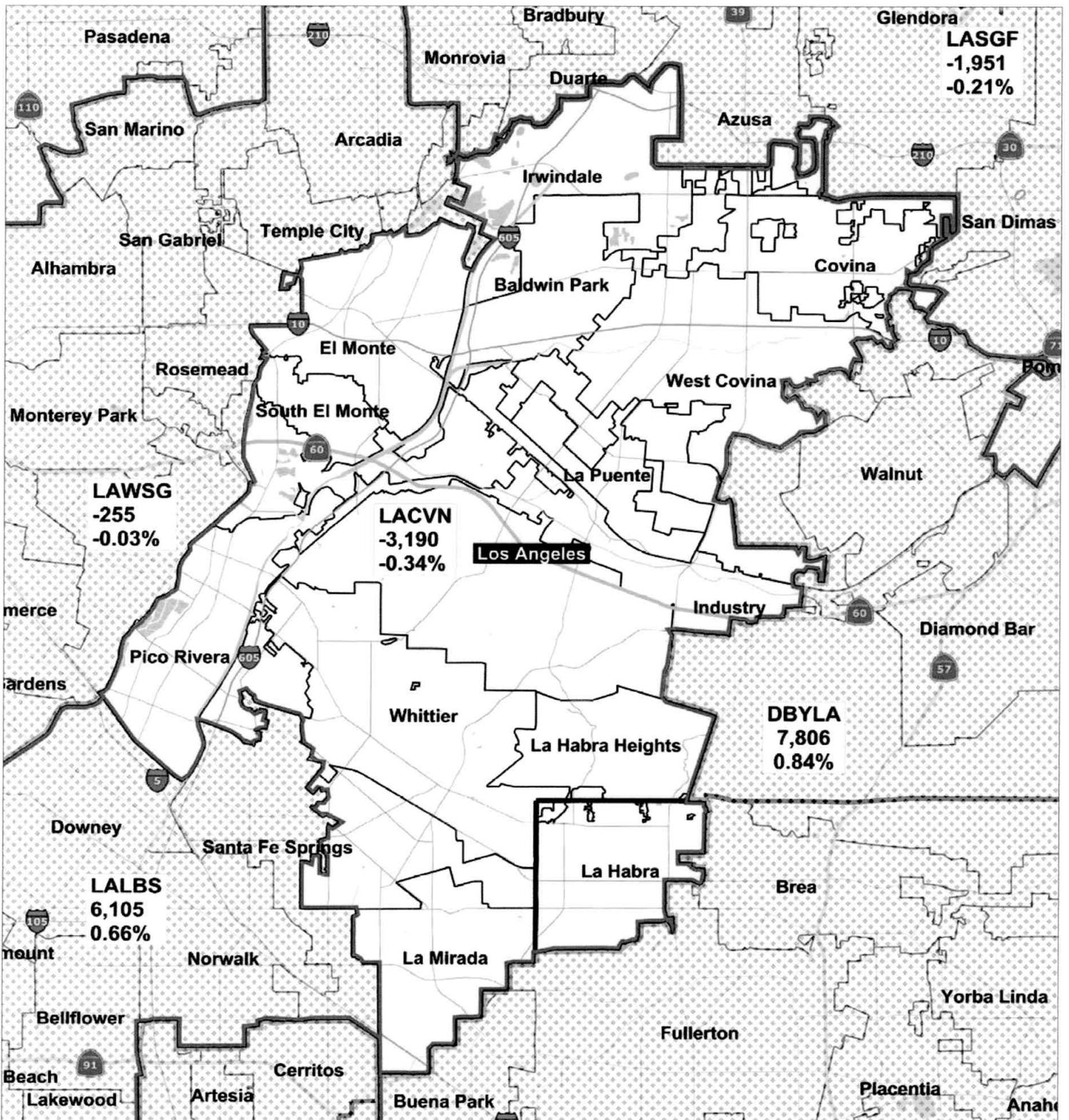
1. La Habra's K-12 and high school districts are linked with Brea, Buena Park, or Fullerton in North Orange County. The North OC Community College District includes our city, Yorba Linda, Placentia and Fullerton. Many of our high school graduates attend Cal-State Fullerton. The state's role in education funding requires our ability to influence policy and allocation decisions in concert with our neighboring communities.
2. We are active participants in the Orange County Transportation Authority, Sanitation, Vector Control, and other Orange County service districts. Our ability to influence policy at the local and state levels is greatly impaired by the proposed district configurations.
3. La Habra shares no school districts, transportation corridors, or much of anything else with Pico Rivera or Santa Fe Springs. Nor do we have much in common with the major population centers in the Whittier/Norwalk district. We simply have nothing in common with communities such as Pico Rivera.
4. Our north Orange County City has 60,239 residents. Attaching them to a State Senate districts with 870K Los Angeles County residents or an Assembly District with 400K creates conditions for our community to be ignored.
5. There is little reason for a Los Angeles County-base representative to invest time learning our issues and concerns or dealing with Orange County school board members, our county supervisors and special districts, or simply engaging with our community.
6. The placement of La Habra in the proposed districts is truly unrepresentative of our interests. In reviewing the proposed district maps for Southern California I could find only one other instance where a community has been districted out of its sphere of influence and similarly disadvantaged. (Assembly District—Upland). I urge you to reconsider.

Respectfully,  
Michael A. Blazey, Ph.D.  
Member, La Habra City Council

La Habra, CA 90631



# California State Senate - LACVN





# City of La Habra

"A Caring Community"

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## CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor Pro Tem

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Councilmember

Tom Beamish  
Councilmember

Michael A. Blazey  
Councilmember

Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Ste. 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commission Members:

On May 16, 2011, the City Council of the City of La Habra passed a resolution opposing plans to place La Habra as the only Orange County city in a Senate district comprised of Los Angeles County cities. A copy of that resolution and a letter expressing our concerns was sent on May 18<sup>th</sup> to the CRC.

As the process moves forward, there have been several different proposals considered for the northern area of Orange County, and it is our opinion that La Habra would best be served by being in a district with other North Orange County cities. It has relationships and collaborations with other entities in northern Orange County such as the North Orange County Community College District, the Fullerton Joint Unified High School District, the North Orange County City Partnership, the North Orange County Economic Development partnership, California State University Fullerton and the County of Orange. Furthermore, we rely on technical and funding resources for infrastructure and water issues from the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Municipal Water District of Orange County. A proposal that places La Habra in a district with Brea, Yorba Linda and Placentia is being considered, and we would support the formation of this district, which also includes Chino Hills, Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

James Gomez  
Mayor



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## Redistricting Commission Hearing

### Background of speaker:

BA in Political Science, CSLA

MPA in Public Administration

Ph. D. Social Psychology

### Issues of concern:

I have many issues but unfortunately I am only allocated 2 minutes, so I will limit myself to my main concern, the inadvertent gerrymandering of the 47<sup>th</sup> congressional district by the Commission.

Gerrymandering of the 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District was attempted by combining the 47<sup>th</sup> in with the beach communities, with which it has nothing in common, No Community of Interest, thus diluting the Latino vote, which represents 65.3 % of the 47<sup>th</sup> constituents. Due to widespread opposition, the commission withdrew the first map and submitted the second one you are now considering.

Now the proposed district is consolidated in with the Asian community to the west, another gerrymandering technique used to promote rivalry between 2 district ethnic groups to fight over scraps. I believe the Asian community represents an important community of interest and should be afforded a district centered on little Saigon so that they can fairly compete without competition from the 65% Latino community In Santa Ana.

Both of these scenarios proposed by the commission violates the Federal Voting Rights Act and you can expect much litigation if you do not make the changes I have suggested.

Respectfully submitted by Benjamin Alvillar, Ph. D.

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Brough Remarks - California Redistricting Commission

Saturday, June 18, 2011

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Madame Chair~~woman~~, commissioners...

My name is Bill Brough and I serve as a Dana Point City Councilmember.

First, let me thank each of you for your important service to our State in this Constitutional process.

The draft maps released last Friday essentially cut Dana Point in half.

I come before you today to respectfully request that you keep Dana Point whole in your final assembly and state senate maps

and to align Dana Point with our South Orange County neighbors.

The 5 freeway connects us being the only main thoroughfare for San Juan, San Clemente and Dana Point.

Dana Point is involved in transportation groups, in particular the South Orange County Major Investment Study, which determined the potential transportation improvements that should occur over the next 20 years.

Schools: Dana Point is part of the Capistrano Unified School District with the South County communities of Laguna Niguel, San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano.

Water: The South Coast Water District lines are nearly contiguous with Dana Point.

Dana Point shares the San Juan Creek watershed with South County cities up to Rancho Santa Margarita.

Dana Point is included in Region 9 or the San Diego Regional Water Quality Board

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Dana Point is a 6.6 square mile, South Orange County town, nestled between Laguna Beach and San Clemente with a population of 33,000.

One suggestion is to look at moving the city of Laguna Woods, with an essentially fixed population of 16,192, to Coastal Orange County...

then move the Coastal Orange County portion of Dana Point, with 12,635 residents into South Orange County.

This would produce the within 1% the commission seeks.

Dana Point has many communities of interest with the South Orange County Districts.

Transportation: Traffic patterns north of the Y (the 5-405 intersection) are grid like.

South of the Y, due to hilly terrains, roadways are circular and mixed patterns (spaghetti-like.)

and that Board does not seem willing to concede it's jurisdiction to the Santa Ana Regional Board which includes the cities in Coastal Orange County.

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Business: Dana Point is part of the South Orange County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Representation: Dana Point will not be represented well in Sacramento when a few precincts, at the edge of a district, in part of a town are ignored.

Finally, the El Toro airport example clearly defines the differences between north and south county.

(Explain in 1993...) North Orange County cities wanted an airport at El Toro while South County cities banded together to oppose an airport.

Again, thank you for your service in this important process.

I hope you will look favorably upon my request to keep the City of Dana Point whole.



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CITY COUNCIL

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**J. Scott Schoeffel**  
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**Lisa A. Bartlett**

**William P. Brough**

**Steven H. Weinberg**

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VIA FACSIMILE, E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Honorable Chairman  
Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street  
Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: City of Dana Point ("City") Comments on the  
Citizens Redistricting Commission's ("Commission")  
First Draft of State Senate and Assembly District Maps

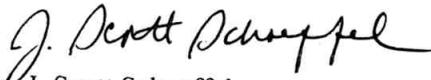
Honorable Chairman:

At its June 13, 2011 meeting, the Dana Point City Council ("DPCC") voted unanimously to object to certain state Senate and Assembly district boundaries proposed in the Commission's first draft of the district maps ("First Draft"). As part of that action the DPCC also unanimously approved the attached Resolution, which opposes any state Assembly or Senate redistricting plan that would (a) divide the City geographically and/ or (b) place the City outside of any state Senate or Assembly districts that do not include our neighboring south Orange County cities.

The DPCC strongly feels that our entire city should be grouped with other south Orange County cities for state Senate and Assembly purposes because of the common issues these cities face as well as the strong working relationships and cooperative arrangements they have developed over many, many years. Shared issues include, but are by no means limited to, ocean water quality, regional transportation at both the local (Orange County Transportation Authority) and state (Caltrans) levels, regional land use planning and affordable housing.

On behalf of the DPCC, I would strongly and respectfully request the Commission to reconsider the state Senate and Assembly district boundaries proposed in the First Draft in view of the City's comments set forth above. If I or our City Manager, Doug Chotkevys, can be of any further assistance or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (949) 249-3513.

Sincerely,

  
J. Scott Schoeffel  
Mayor

- C: The Honorable Members of the California Redistricting Commission
- The Honorable Dana Point City Council
- Robert Ming, President, Association of California Cities – Orange County
- Russell Kerr, Chairman, Dana Point Chamber of Commerce
- Doug Chothevys, City Manager, City of Dana Point
- A. Patrick Munoz, City Attorney, City of Dana Point
- Thomas G. Mauk, Chief Executive Officer, County of Orange

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-06-13-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING ANY PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN THAT SPLITS THE CITY AND/OR PLACES THE CITY OUTSIDE OF THE DISTRICT INCLUDING OTHER SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY CITIES**

The City Council of the City of Dana Point does hereby resolve as follows:

**WHEREAS**, on June 10, 2011 the California Citizens Redistricting Commission released maps showing a proposed new redistricting for State Assembly and Senate Seat purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal divides the City of Dana Point creating two districts within its geographical boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is opposed to any redistricting which divides the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes the City should be included, in its entirety, in the same districts for Assembly and Senate Seat purposes as the rest of what is traditionally considered to be South Orange County based upon the similarity of issues, and historical working relationships the City has with such other South Orange County cities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Dana Point as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Council hereby formally opposes the redistricting proposal released on June 10, 2011 and any other proposal by which the City is split into multiple districts.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby formally opposes the redistricting proposal released on June 10, 2011, and any other proposal by which all, or any part of the City is not included the same Assembly and Senate districts as most, if not all, of the cities traditionally considered to comprise "South Orange County" are located.

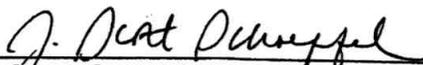
**SECTION 3.** The Mayor and City Manager, and/or their designees are hereby authorized to send letters and or appear at meetings, and participate in such other lawful activities as they deem necessary and appropriate to advocate the above noted positions on behalf of the City.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, held on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, by the following vote, to wit:

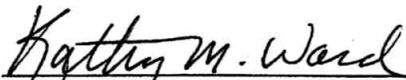
AYES: Council Members Bartlett, Brough, Weinberg, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, and Mayor Schoeffel

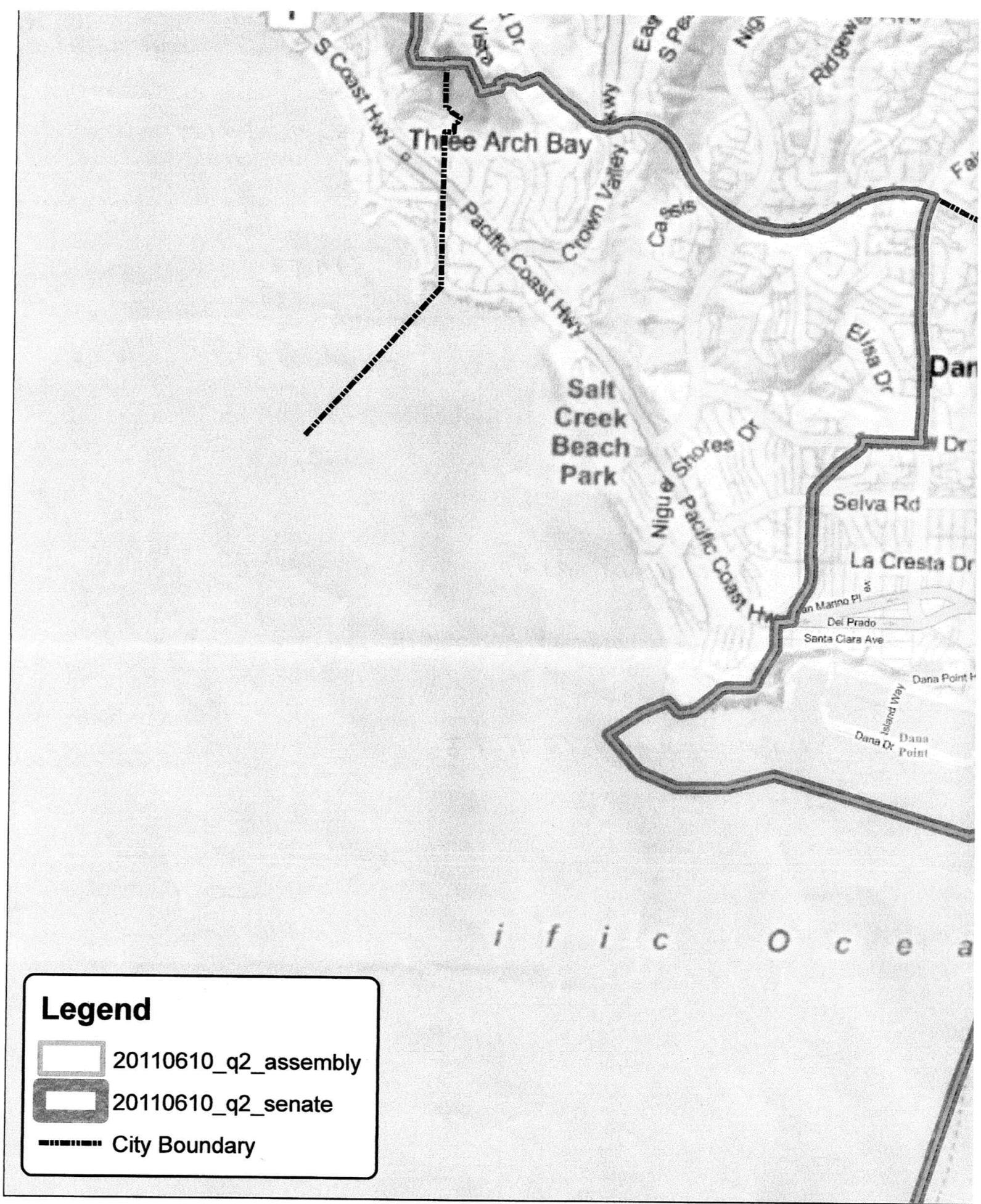
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

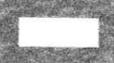
  
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J. Scott Schoeffel, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KATHY M. WARD, City Clerk



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**Proposed Senate and Assembly Districts**

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